

May 16, 2003

Father Aloys Friedrich, CPPS



Father Friedrich was born Sept. 11, 1906, in Parkston, S. Dak. He entered the Society of the Precious Blood in 1927 and was ordained on May 10, 1936, by the Most Rev. Joseph Albers, bishop of Lansing, in the chapel at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, Ohio.

He spent most of his years as a priest in parish ministry, serving as assistant pastor at St. John the Baptist in Glandorf, Ohio; St. Mary, Piqua, Ohio; and Precious Blood Church in Fort Wayne, Ind. His first pastorate was at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Cleveland.

He had one assignment in Kansas. In 1950, he was named pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Liberal, where he oversaw the construction of a new church. Liberal's frame church was destroyed by fire on July 1, 1949. The state fire marshal stated that the cause of the fire was a small magnesium bomb set in the altar boys' sacristy. Father Aloys celebrated Mass in the former hospital building at the Liberal Air Base until the new church was constructed.

His remaining pastorates were at St. John the Baptist in Glandorf, Ohio, and St. Sebastian near Chickasaw, Ohio. He retired in 1979.

He was a faithful pastor who took a hands-on approach to parish life. It was said that he was in overalls as often as a cassock as he tinkered with the furnace, trimmed trees in the rectory yard, and always looked after the material as well as the spiritual needs of his parishes.

Father Friedrich died May 16, 2003 at St. Charles Center in Carthagena. He was 96. Father Kenneth Schroeder, a provincial counsel member, celebrated his funeral. Burial was in the community cemetery.